APPENDIX D.

ADVANCES TO LABORERS' ACT,—MYSORE.

(DRAFT OF PROPOSED ACT.)

1. Six months from date of passing of this Act, no advances to laborers, to be worked off by them, shall come under this Act, or be recoverable by any other process, if the advance exceeds the sum of Rs. 10 per man or woman, and this shall apply to advances made either directly to laborers by employers, or through the agency of Mestris.

2. Tickets, to be called "Advance Tickets," must be issued in triplicate when an advance is to be given. On the tickets must be entered the sum to be advanced, the name, father's name, Village, Hobli and Taluk of the advancee. One ticket is to be retained by the advancer, the second by the laborer and the third is to be sent to, and retained by, the Amildar.

3. After seeing that no other advance stands against the name of the laborer in the registry, the Amildar will then register the ticket, and, after he has done so, the advance may be paid to the laborer.

4. All advances made under this Act must be worked off in amounts to be settled by mutual agreement between advancer and laborer so that the total amount may be worked off in five months.

5. As amounts are worked off, they must be entered by the advancer on the back of the tickets held by the laborer, and by the advancer respectively.

6. When the whole amount has been worked off, the tickets must be sent to the Amildar who will then erase the name of the laborer from the list of coolies under advances.

Advances Outstanding at the date of the passing of this Act.

7. Such advances must be registered within six months after the date of the passing of this Act, and, whatever the amount of advances may be, advance tickets shall be issued subject to the same conditions as have been above laid down for other advances, but if the outstanding advance should exceed Rs. 10, then the balance must be worked off at the rate of Rs. 2 per month till the entire advance is paid off.

8. When the employer attends to register an outstanding advance, he must be accompanied by his laborer who must acknowledge the justness of the debt before it can be registered.

9. Outstanding advances not registered within six months after the passing of the Act shall only be recoverable by civil action as an ordinary debt.

10. Persons who do not register advances outstanding at the time of the passing of the Act within a year cannot recover through any Court, unless they register the sum advanced at the ordinary Registrar's office, when the laborer must attend and acknowledge the justness of the claim.

Advance Lists.

11. Lists of advances to be interchanged between all Taluks in Mysore.

12. Once a month any new advance made shall be intimated at the head-quarter of every Taluk.

13. Lists of persons under advance are to be kept ready for sale at each Taluk for the sum of four annas each list.

Fees.

14. The advance list at each Taluk shall be open to inspection at a charge of one anna for each inspection.

15. Each advance ticket must have a one anna stamp on it, one-half of the cost to be borne by the laborer, and the other half by the employer, and each advance will thus cost three annas for stamps.

Penalties.

16. Unless prevented by sickness, or any cause which may appear to be satisfactory to the Magistrate, laborers failing to work in the manner agreed upon shall be imprisoned for not less than one, or more than three months, with hard labor.

17. Any laborer giving a false name or address, when obtaining an advance shall be imprisoned for six months with hard labor.

Advances by Employees to Mestris to bring Laborers.

18. Such advances shall come under the provisions of Act XIII of 1859 as at present.

19. It shall be open to the laborer to complain to the Magistrate, and without payment of any fee if the sum he has worked off should not be at once entered by the advancer on the bank of the advance ticket held by the laborer.

20. The personal attendance of advancers of sums specified in Clause I is not necessary when the Amildar registers the ticket, but the ticket must be handed to the Amildar by a Clerk, or other trustworthy person in the employ of the advancer.

21. With the exception of what is provided in Clause 18, no part of Act XIII of 1859 shall apply to advances made in Mysore to be worked off by laborers.